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**UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
DISTRICT OF NEVADA**

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,

Plaintiff,

v.

PAUL ALEXANDER HODGE,

Defendant.

Case No. 2:23-mj-01066-DJA

**Stipulation to Extend Deadlines to
Conduct Preliminary Hearing and
File Indictment**

(Fifth Request)

IT IS HEREBY STIPULATED AND AGREED, by and between Jason M. Frierson, United States Attorney, and Kimberly M. Frayn, Assistant United States Attorney, counsel for the United States of America, and Rene L. Valladares, Federal Public Defendant and Benjamin F. J. Nemec, Assistant Federal Public Defender, counsel for Paul Alexander Hodge, ("Hodge"), that the Court vacate the preliminary hearing scheduled for December 23, 2024, at 4:00 p.m. and reschedule the hearing for a date and time convenient to this Court, but no sooner than 90 days from the current date. This request requires that the Court extend two deadlines: (1) that a preliminary hearing be conducted within 21 days of a released defendant's initial appearance, *see* Fed. R. Crim. P. 5.1(c); and (2) that an

1 information or indictment be filed within 30 days of a defendant's arrest, *see* 18 U.S.C.
2 § 3161(b).

3 This stipulation is entered into for the following reasons:

4 1. Under Federal Rule of Criminal Procedure 5.1(c), the Court "must hold the
5 preliminary hearing within a reasonable time, but . . . no later than 21 days [after the initial
6 appearance] if [the defendant is] not in custody"

7 2. However, under Rule 5.1(d), "[w]ith the defendant's consent and upon a
8 showing of good cause—taking into account the public interest in the prompt disposition of
9 criminal cases—a magistrate judge may extend the time limits in Rule 5.1(c) one or more
10 times"

11 3. Furthermore, under the Speedy Trial Act, 18 U.S.C. § 3161(b), "[a]ny
12 information or indictment charging an individual with the commission of an offense shall
13 be filed within thirty days from the date on which such individual was arrested or served
14 with a summons in connection with such charges."

15 4. Defendant needs additional time to review the discovery and investigate
16 potential defenses.

17 5. Both counsel for the government and counsel for the defense need additional
18 time to prepare for the preliminary hearing.

19 6. Moreover, the parties have agreed to try to negotiate a global resolution to
20 include the revocation violations¹ and the fraud matter in an attempt to resolve these cases
21 and reduce the judicial and government resources required by this case. The defense
22 requires additional time to adequately advise Hodge regarding any plea negotiations.

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24 ¹ Supervised Release Revocation Petitions are pending in case number 2:21-CR-00200-RFB-
VCF and in case number 2:21-cr-93-KJD-BNW.

1 7. The additional time requested herein is not sought for the purposes of delay,
2 but to allow counsel for Defendant sufficient time to effectively and thoroughly research and
3 prepare defenses and to determine whether to proceed with a preliminary hearing and
4 indictment or to resolve this case through negotiations.

5 8. Accordingly, the parties jointly request that the Court schedule the
6 preliminary hearing in this case no sooner than 90 days from the currently scheduled date.

7 9. Defendant is out of federal custody, agrees to the extension of the 21-day
8 deadline imposed by Rule 5.1(c) and the 30-day deadline imposed by 18 U.S.C. § 3161(b),
9 and waives any right to remedies under Rule 5.1(c) or 18 U.S.C. § 3161(b), provided that an
10 information or indictment is filed on or before the preliminary hearing date ordered
11 pursuant to this stipulation.

12 10. The parties agree to the extension of these deadlines.

13 11. Accordingly, the additional time requested by this stipulation is (a) allowed
14 under Federal Rule of Criminal Procedure 5.1(d); and (b) excludable in computing the time
15 within which the defendant must be indicted and the trial herein must commence pursuant
16 to the Speedy Trial Act, 18 U.S.C. § 3161(b) and (h)(7)(A), considering the factors under
17 18 U.S.C. § 3161(h)(7)(B)(i) and (iv).

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12. This is the fifth request for an extension of the deadlines by which to conduct the preliminary hearing and to file an indictment.

DATED this 13th day of December, 2024.

Respectfully submitted,

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Federal Public Defender

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/s/ Benjamin F. J. Nemec

/s/ Kimberly M. Frayn

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**[Proposed] Order on Stipulation to
Continue Preliminary Hearing and
Deadline to Indict Defendant**

Based on the stipulation of counsel, good cause appearing, and the best interest of justice being served; the time requested by this stipulation being excludable in computing the time within which the defendant must be indicted and the trial herein must commence pursuant to the Speedy Trial Act, 18 U.S.C. § 3161(b) and (h)(7)(A), and Federal Rule of Criminal Procedure 5.1, considering the factors under 18 U.S.C. § 3161(h)(7)(B)(i) and (iv):

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED that the preliminary hearing currently scheduled for December 23, 2024, at the hour of 4:00 p.m., be vacated and continued to **March 24, 2025, at 4:00 p.m.**

DATED this 16th day of December, 2024.



HONORABLE DANIEL J. ALBRECHTS
UNITED STATES MAGISTRATE JUDGE